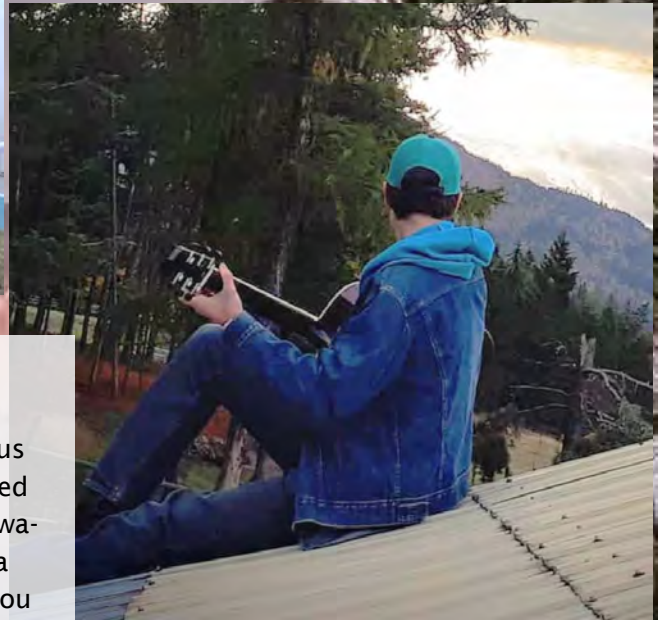


Musical Notes

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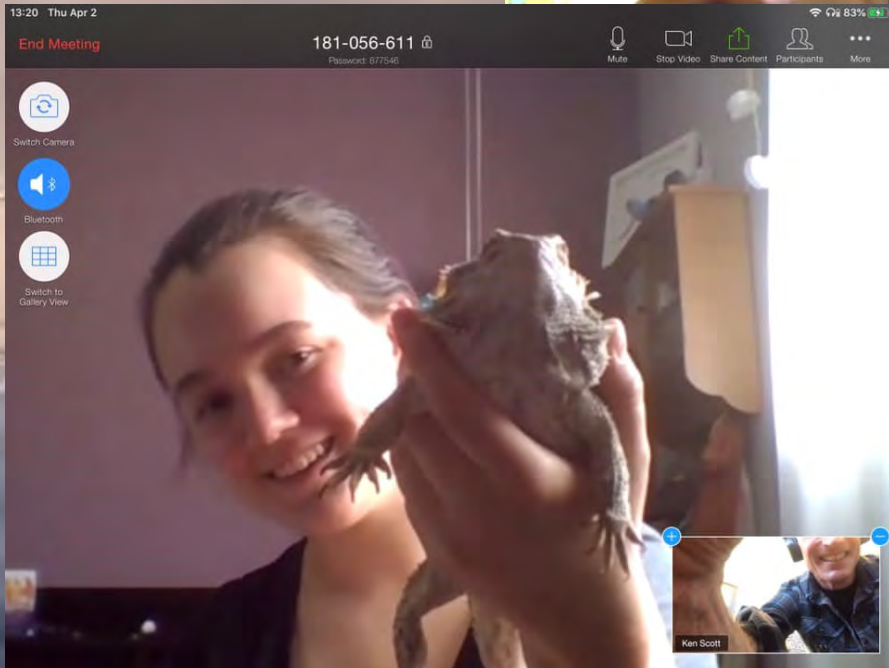
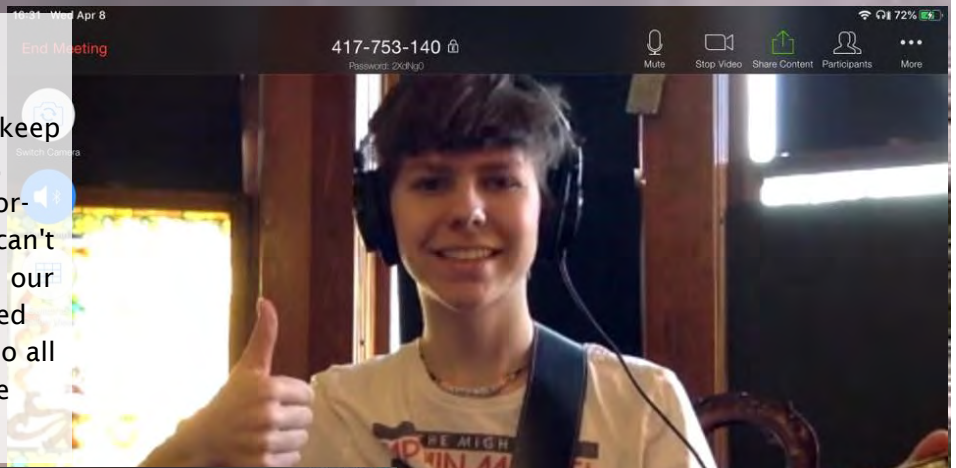
Music in a Time of Uncertainty

The Music School would like to thank you for sticking with us during this time of uncertainty. We appreciate your continued optimism, cheerfulness and support while we navigate the waters of making music from home. Speaking of, we had put a challenge out to all of our students to send us pictures of you creating music for our neighbours around us. They may not know how to play an instrument, and they would LOVE to hear you practice your music. With the weather warming up, play outside if you can, or open your doors and windows to let the music flow out and touch the people around you. Take a photo, use the hashtag #vernoncommunitymusicschool and tag us, we'd LOVE to see them! Let the music flow through the streets and bring comfort to those who need it!



The Lessons Continue!

Virtual lessons can be a great way to keep your skills up and learn new material, AND it gives you something to look forward to during the week. Pandemics can't keep us down when we have music in our hearts and in our homes. Also, Bearded Dragons are kind of rad. Great work to all of Ken Scott's guitar students who are clearly working hard at having fun!





Plus, check out the Improv Guitar Group! They were learning a funk tune by the Meters - in the comfort of their own homes! What a great opportunity to stay connected AND enjoy music at the same time!



Music Games

If you are looking for a fun way to keep your family musically motivated, take a look at this BINGO sheet below. It is geared for piano students, but insert your own instrument and have fun while you play! Are you able to play a piece with your eyes closed? How about having a mini concert for your family? Make sure you take photos and share them with your teacher!

B I N G O

Complete 6 pages of theory

Compose a piece

Learn a quick study

Play a scale 5 times in each hand

Practice for 100 minutes

Listen to a piece by Beethoven and write 5 sentences about it

Record a video of you playing and send it to a family member

Clap the rhythm of a piece 3 times

Complete composer worksheet

Figure out how to play 'Happy Birthday' by ear

Tell your parent your favourite 3 things about playing piano

Learn to play a piece with your eyes closed

Play a piece with gloves on

Play a piece half as fast as it's supposed to be

Sing the melody of your piece instead of playing it

Memorize a piece

Have a mini concert for your family

Show a family member what good piano posture is

Listen to a piece by Debussy and paint or draw how it made you feel

Relearn a piece from last year

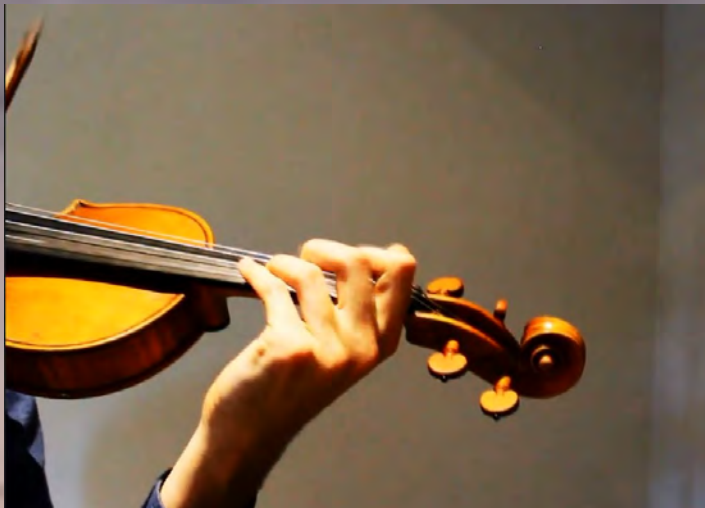
Draw a piano for me to put up in my studio

Learn another quick study

Teach a family member a song

Figure out how to play 'Yankee Doodle' by ear

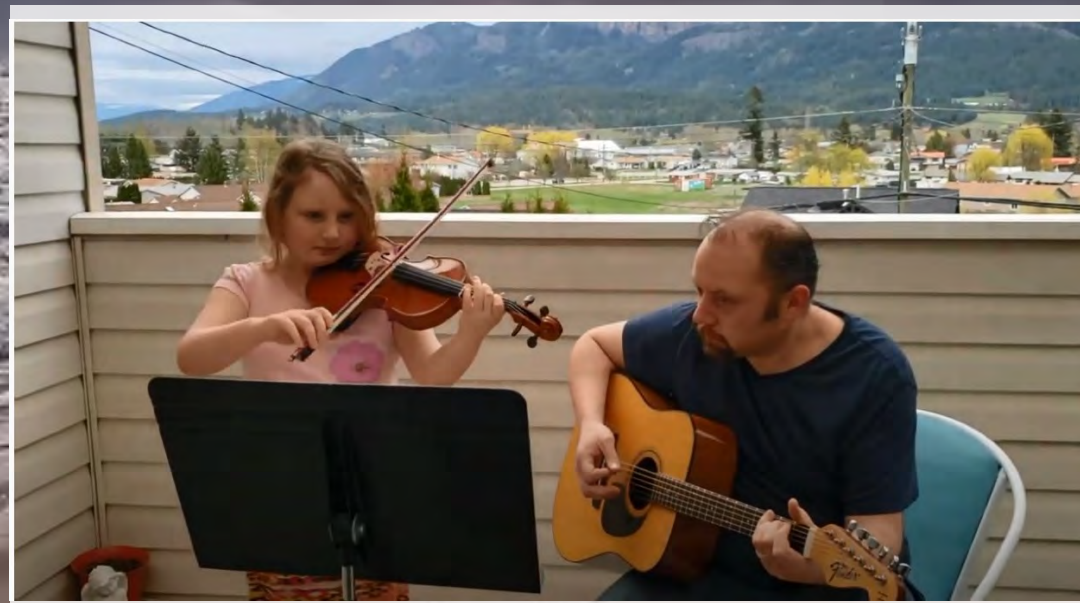
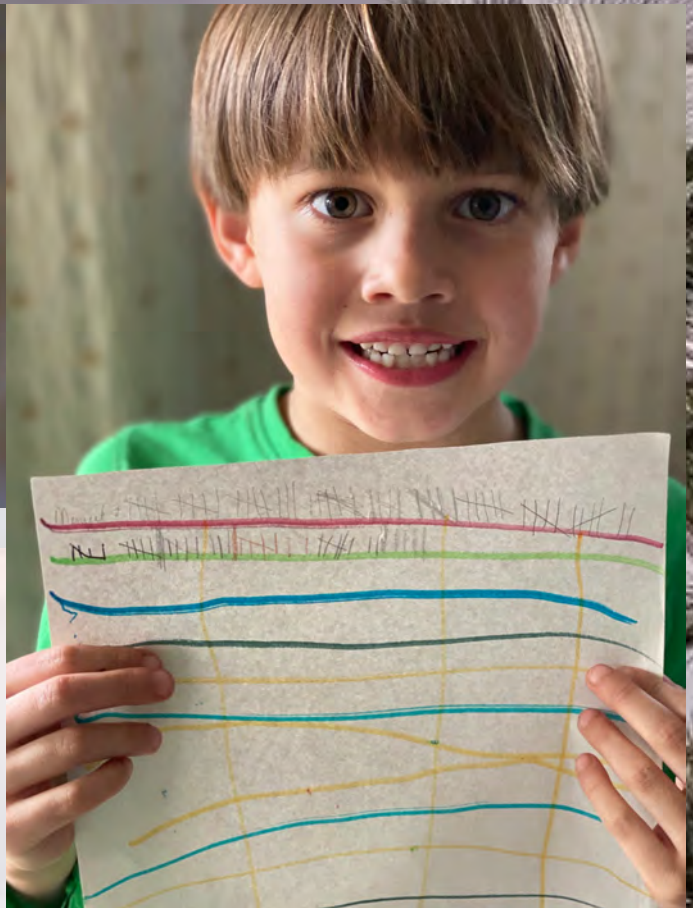
Learn 10 Italian vocab words



Hughie Becomes Inspired

At age two, Julien Haynes started violin lessons at the Music School with Bev Martens, continuing his studies here until graduating from high school. He is currently completing his Bachelor's degree from UVic with a music performance major in violin. Julien sent a video of him playing Bach G minor Sonata #1 Adagio.

When current Music School student Hughie Weathermon (6 years old) realized how many hours and years Julien had been working and practicing, he was inspired. Here's Hughie with his Boccherini Minuet drill chart. Hugh likes to isolate the challenging measures and keep track of how many times he drills each section. After hearing Julien, Hughie decided he would also pull out the Hungarian from last year. "I want to work on it until it's better than it was for the festival!" Great work, Hughie!



Making Memories

Watch Bev Marten's student Akasha play Riley's (arranged by Zav RT), accompanied by her Dad, Shawn. Making music together as a family is one of the best memories to make! Check out their audience, Mr. Hummingbird. We bet the neighbours loved hearing this collaboration as well!

Family Music

Juliette and Cloe play with their Mom, Josee-Anne, on a beautiful Spring morning during the COVID_19 pandemic. Listening to this will help ease all your worries about what the future holds. Close your eyes and let it take you to another place where your heart sings and the music surrounds your soul. Bravo, team!



Music Munchkins

10 Sessions for babies 6-12 months

A sensory rich experience for infants as they participate with caregivers in musical activities, stories and songs.

Tuesdays 10:00-10:45

For more info contact Natalie at
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Running
October
2020
to
May
2021

Music Explorers

A hands on collaborative class for budding musicians between the ages of 5-7 years old. Students will explore rhythm, melody and composition while gaining a basic grasp on music theory.

Music Explorers 2 Age 5-6
Thursdays 3:00-3:45

Music Explorers 3 Age 6-7
Thursdays 3:45-4:30

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Saxophone Lessons with Aaron Jamin
spots available in September at the
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Meet Anna Konrad...

Anna began her musical adventures at VCMS in 2007 by taking a Piano Pathways class. Soon after this she began piano lessons with Karen Rempel, followed by violin lessons with Bev Martens the next year. Her love of playing music with others started early on - playing duets with her sister Simone, then joining the Carriage House Orchestra.



Throughout the years, she has played with countless groups of musicians, from string orchestras to quartets to busking at the market, playing everything from Bach to Piazzolla to the Beatles. She has now played in the Okanagan Symphony Youth Orchestra for eight years, and for the past two years has held the position of co-concertmaster. She has participated in many music festivals throughout the Okanagan as well as being invited to participate in several Provincial Music Festivals. Other musical highlights include participating in the Suzuki Valhalla Summer Institute for 8 summers, taking 2 week-long song-writing intensives, and releasing a 3 song album with her band Roots & Strings. Playing music at church, youth group, school and various community events, Anna has enjoyed collaborating with a wide variety of musicians in a range of genres. She has had the privilege of teaching violin under the guidance of Bev Martens and has enjoyed working with younger students in group classes. Closely connected to her love of music, Anna has had a long involvement with dance and rhythmic gymnastics. When Rachel Martens created her Carriage House Performance Troupe, Anna and her sister both enthusiastically jumped into this opportunity. This was a place she could combine her love of music, theatre, dance and creating story. This year Anna has been working towards her level 10 Royal Conservatory of Music exams in both violin and piano, to be taken this spring. She plans to pursue post-secondary education, as well as continue to collaborate and create music.

We will miss you Anna, when you carry on with your next adventures. Your smile lights up the room, and we look forward to hearing about University life. Enjoy every moment!

A black and white photograph of a man, Ken Scott, playing an electric guitar. He is looking down at the instrument. The background shows a window with a grid pattern. A small sign on the wall to the left says "FIRE ALARM".

Guitar Lessons with Ken Scott
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With the school year winding down, it's time to start thinking about next year! No matter what happens with personal distancing requirements at the Music School in September, private lessons are great both in person and virtually! The general feedback from students experiencing virtual lessons is that there is an appreciation for the sense of community that comes with connecting with others, especially during times of uncertainty. If you are continuing lessons, registration forms for the 2020-2021 school year are now being accepted, and can be found on our website www.vernoncommunitymusicschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2020-2021-Registration-Form.pdf. Feel free to either scan it and send it back to the office, mail it in to 1705 32nd Ave, Vernon BC, V1T 2J3, or drop it in our mailbox out front of the school if you are going for a drive. Connect with your current teacher to let him/her know your intentions, and to confirm a time slot. We are looking forward to the new school year, and will let you know when the school is allowed to reopen. Watch our Facebook page, Instagram feed, and/or emails from the school! Have a glorious summer!